

### Greetings

We are very proud to have served you the past year, but we are still prouder of the many ties of friendship created, and it will be our aim to be of still greater service to you through increased facilities during 1921.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Bohling Auto Sales

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## HE IS GLAD TO RETURN TO OLD U.S.

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BREMEN—Germany is curing the hyphenated German-American. A dose of Vaterland administered daily for a period of one to four weeks purifies the blood of dual nationality and discharges the patient an American.

The Kaiser's imperialistic ambitions resulted in an elaborate system of propaganda to retain the loyalty of German emigrants even to their children's children. That was before the revolution. The German leaders of to-day are too busy seeking an outlet for the surplus population which their country cannot support to waste time or sentiment on the German who emigrated a generation ago.

A Milwaukee manufacturer entered the office of the German Consul-General in The Hague, Holland. Priding himself on his perfect knowledge of the German language, he requested a visa to enter Germany.

"When did you leave Germany?" demanded the Consul.

"I've never been there," replied the American.

"You've never been to Germany and speak German like a native? What's back of this; why are you attempting to deceive me?"

"I'm an American," replied the Milwaukeean.

"You can't bluff me with that," replied the Consul sharply. In this case a too perfect knowledge of the German language aroused suspicions which delayed rather than facilitated securing the visa.

"If you're an American I would advise you to stick to your Americanism in these troubled times," warned the Consul when he had proved to his own satisfaction the validity of the United States passport.

**IN AMERICAN UNIFORMS.**  
That the masses hold no considerable grudge against the United States is demonstrated to the tourist by the hundreds of Germans he daily sees clad in cast-off American army uniforms. Thousands of these uniforms were sold to the German government by the United States Army salvage officers in Coblenz. Germany formally outfitted her postal employees in the uniforms and sold the rest to needy citizens. The recipients not only did not bother to remove the buttons which bear the United States coat of arms; they didn't even rip off the gold service and wound chevrons.

The American coming to Germany usually expects trouble, and his cold reserve is generally met by a more or less friendly curiosity. The German-American in many cases crosses the ocean with the vague feeling that he is going to his reward for the indignities he imagines heaped upon him during the last three or four years and because of his steadfast loyalty to the land of his fathers. He expects to be greeted with open arms for his faithfulness. He might be were the Kaiser and his mates still at the helm.

**FINDS CHANGED GERMANY.**  
The loss of the war, the revolution, the Versailles Treaty and the wave of Bolshevism have in one way or another radically affected the lives of every German and the German-American arriving with his 1914 point of view, idealized by distance, must be a born diplomat to avoid bitter regrets. He finds that Germany has repudiated the Kaiser and practically all the institutions which he so vigorously defended in America.

A New York manufacturer, a naturalized American, by his loudly outspoken anti-American talk recently insulted some American citizens on a liner bound for Hamburg. On board was a demobilized United States Army major, who was an official of the line. Instead of staying a year in Germany to take the cure as he had announced daily he intended to do, the manufacturer appeared at the Hamburg shipping office within a fortnight and ordered passage on the next boat returning to America. The major refused and spared no words explaining why. The New Yorker volunteered to apologize for every remark he had made and bitterly announced that he had been an assorted variety of unprintable fools. He returned to America on the next boat—and left his hyphen in Hamburg.

**ATTENTIVE TO TOURISTS.**  
A peculiar trait of German character, emphasized by the isolation during the war, is a great curiosity, frequently coupled with admiration, for foreigners. An Englishman or American who doesn't speak a word of German is frequently charged double and triple the German prices, but in return he receives a promptness of service which would incite the envy of a German privy councillor. The tourist soon discovers this and he never permits himself to be mistaken for a German by speaking the language too perfectly. American automobiles, American pointed shoes, American collars, American fashions, American jazz music and the American dollar are non plus ultra in Germany to-day. The American tourist reflects their glory.

The German-American who tries to identify himself as a German destroys his own glamour and he stands in line with the Germans while the American is shown in immediately. An American is expected to brag about America—they're world-famous for it—but a German-American making the same statements in an accent as perfect as a native, causes resentment.

**BACK TO AMERICA.**

A German tailor in New York who had emigrated from Germany about ten years ago and taken out his first naturalization papers voluntarily reported himself, after the armistice, as an undesirable alien, and asked to be deported back to Germany. Uncle Sam agreed and paid his passage to Hamburg. A few weeks later this German appeared at the United States Embassy in Berlin and asked permission to return to the United States. He had been disillusioned. For a year he haunted the office of every American in Berlin into which he could pry himself and made speeches which would furnish a Fourth of July orator with material for the rest of his oratorical career. Today he is back in New York—without the hyphen.

### Modern Revision

Some men are born economical, and others acquire economical habits, but the majority of us have economy forced down our throats.

### Thank You Heartily

PEOPLE OF HAMMOND AND VICINITY

For your patronage and good will during 1920. We shall strive by "honest values," "good shoes" and "efficient service" to merit a continuance of your patronage during 1921.

This store wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Glad, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### J. B. Ortt

"THE WALK-OVER STORE"

### Greetings

HAPPY DAYS

The days are here when gloom, and fear, and trouble must depart; when everyone must think of fun, and joy be in each heart; when greed and hate, and every trait that's selfish or that's mean should take a tip, and pack its grip, and leave the happy scene. Friend unto friend does now extend a wish for luck and cheer. For Christmas Day and New Year, gay, we make this wish, sincere: May these days bring you everything that makes for gladness, true—and may they bless you with success that lasts a whole life through.

### A. B. Marks

96 STATE STREET HAMMOND, IND.

### We Thank You

For the rapid growth of our business, we thank our patrons and satisfied customers, hoping to have the pleasure of serving you the coming year.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Auto Electric Equipment Co.

701 SO. HOHMAN STREET  
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### Thanks to You

We have in the last year doubled the business of any year previous. Your confidence and liberal patronage has made this possible. Assuring the public of our most earnest wish to please, we wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Hammond Shade and Awning Works

88 STATE ST. PHONE HAMMOND 2242

### To Our Patrons

Dear Friends:—We want you to know how much we value your friendship and patronage by selling you the best the market affords. We know you appreciate our efforts—Through your hearty co-operation.

Dear Friends:—We want you to know how much

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### Chicago Produce Co.

STATE AND OAKLEY AVE. HAMMOND, IND.